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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: PRC IRON ORE IMPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE CONFIRMED TO USLO THAT
THE PRC HAS REQUESTED A VERY LARGE INCREASE IN IRON ORE
AS SOON AS AUSTRALIA CAN SUPPLY IT. EMBOFFS SUGGESTED THAT
THE AMOUNT IS ROUGHLY THREE TIMES THE CURRENT 3 MILLION
TONS LEVEL OF AUSTRALIAN IRON ORE EXPORTS TO CHINA. AT
PRESENT IRON ORE IS BEING SHIPPED IN 15-30,000 TON BULK
CARRIERS. MOST OF THE ORE IS OFF-LOADED WITH VERY CRUDE
MACHINERY IN SHANGHAI, FROM WHICH IT IS SHIPPED ON RIVERCRAFT
UP THE YANGTZE TO WUHAN. THE CHINESE ARE BUILDING A NEW,
MODERN IRON ORE UNLOADING WHARF IN SHANGHAI THAT WILL BE
ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE LARGER, MORE EFFICIENT VESSELS. THE
AUSTRALIANS HAVE NOT BEEN ASKED TO MARKEDLY INCREASE
SUPPLIES OF PIG IRON.
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